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The September 16, 2004 report by the District Attorney's Jailhouse Witness Protection Task Force makes a variety of creative and innovative recommendations to enhance the Sheriff's ability to monitor and protect inmate witnesses. For example, one of the recommendations is to establish a Witness Protection Unit (WPU) which would have sole responsibility and accountability of inmate witnesses. It also suggested the Inmate Welfare Fund as a possible funding source for costs associated with establishing the WPU as well as inmate protection in general.

There are also a number of enhancements underway by the Sheriff which are consistent with the report. For example, the report recommends negotiating the inclusion of monitoring and recording of telephone calls with telephone service vendors. The Sheriff's Department is in the process of releasing an RFP for telephone services which includes those features.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors request the Sheriff to provide a written response, in thirty (30) days, to the District Attorney's Jailhouse Witness Protection Task Force's report as well as an update of the additional enhancements in progress by the Sheriff's personnel.

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I, FURTHER, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel to review the report and provide a legal opinion, in thirty (30) days, as it relates to the use of Inmate Welfare Funds for costs associated with establishing the Witness Protection Unit as well as inmate protection in general.

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